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SUBJECT: RABIN VISIT

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FOR CHARGE FROM ATHERTON

1. RABIN VISIT CONTINUES JUNE 15 WITH MEETING IN NEW YORK BETWEEN SECRETARY AND RABIN. AT THIS TIME, THEREFORE, CAN GIVE YOU GUIDANCE ONLY AS FOLLOWS. WIRELESS FILE HAS CARRIED REPORTS BASED INTER ALIA ON SECRETARY'S BRIEFINGS. YOU SHOULD RELY ON THESE FOR MAIN POINTS BUT SHOULD SCRUPULOUSLY AVOID ANY IMPLIED JUDGMENT ON DEGREE OF PROGRESS MADE.

2. YOU SHOULD TAKE LINE THAT SINCE YOU DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE TALKS YOU DO NOT WANT TO COMMENT ON TALKS THEMSELVES AND WILL LEAVE SUCH COMMENT TO THOSE WHO WERE THERE. YOU SHOULD NOT GO BEYOND ANALYSIS OF BASIC SITUATION AS WE SEE IT: USG BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT MOMENTUM TOWARD SETTLEMENT MUST BE REGAINED AND MAINTAINED.

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TO MAKE SERIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS END. PRESENT SITUATION IS THAT NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE AND WE ARE STILL

EXPLORING IN OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED, AS PART OF OUR POLICY REASSESSMENT, THE POSSIBILITIES AND PROS AND CONS FOR EITHER: (A) REVIVAL OF INTERIM AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD CREATE MORE AUSPICIOUS AND MANAGEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR SUBSEQUENT STAGES IN NEGOTIATING PROCESS INCLUDING ULTIMATE RECONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE, OR (B) EARLY MOVEMENT DIRECTLY TO NEGOTIATION ON OVERALL SETTLEMENT IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE PRESSURES FOR EARLY PROGRESS ARE INCREASED BY LACK OF RECENT MOVEMENT ON THE GROUND. WE DO NOT BELIEVE CHOICE OF DOING NOTHING IS REALISTIC. PRESENT QUIET IN AREA IS IN PART RESULT OF ANTICIPATION OF FURTHER MOVEMENT FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF OUR POLICY REASSESSMENT. WE WILL BE CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS, INCLUDING MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON WITH SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM JUNE 20 AND EXCHANGES THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS WITH SADAT IN LIGHT OF RABIN VISIT, AND FURTHER EXCHANGES WITH ISRAEL, AS WE MOVE IN PERIOD IMMEDIATELY AHEAD TOWARD REACHING JUDGMENT ABOUT BEST WAY TO PROCEED DIPLOMATICALLY. SISCO

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